

Weekly Newsletter 13th July 2026



Right of the Fortnight: Article 3:

All adults should do what is best for you.



Dear Parents/Carers,

WOW! Another week full of **excitement** has passed and with just over two weeks left, we are very close to the end of the school year. On Friday, 10th July, families received their children's end-of-year school reports. We hope you share in our pride as we celebrate the **incredible progress** each pupil has made this year. Their **dedication, personal growth, and achievements** have truly been **remarkable!**

Our **Transition Morning** was a great success, with pupils confidently settling into their new classes, meeting their teaching teams and embracing the **exciting opportunities** ahead. We will continue to support transition activities over the coming days to ensure every child feels **fully prepared** for September. It was also a pleasure to welcome the parents and carers of our incoming **Reception cohort**, and we look forward to working in partnership with them as their children begin/continue their Oakdene journey.

Last week **Northfield School & Sports College** hosted the **Sports Partnership Awards** honouring the dedication and success of its young athletes from 62 primary schools. **Luke Symington**, an ex-Northfield pupil, was the guest speaker and presented the awards to the winners. He gave a fantastic speech about his own **personal journey** into sport and the success he has had, and continues to have in cricket, with the aim of earning a professional contract with **Durham CCC**. He also spoke about how Northfield's core values of **Respect, Resilience and Honesty** have helped him throughout his cricketing journey.

Two Y6 pupils received **prestigious individual awards** for the entire Stockton area! **Ava Hammond** was presented with the **School Games Values Award**, whilst **Nancy Green** was honoured as **Young Sports Leader of the Year**. Y6 pupils, **Landon Quinn & Piper Noon**, were delighted to be recognised as **Sports Personality of the Year**. Mr McConnell and I were absolutely astonished and **immensely proud** to once again scoop up some of the area's **highest accolades**, reflecting the **exceptional talent, determination and character** of our pupils. Many congratulations to **Mr McConnell** for successfully securing another **School Games Mark Gold** achievement!



Although the **Government** has announced that the PE and **Sport Premium funding will cease** from next academic year, we remain fully committed to providing **high-quality sporting opportunities** and will ensure that sport continues to **thrive** at Oakdene.

Have a fantastic week!

Mrs Bramley & Mrs Osborne

Dates For Your Diary - Summer

Tues 14th July	Y6 Silent Disco
Wed 15th July	Y2 visit North York Moors, Danby 'Lost Words' Saltburn Smugglers perform for Y1 pupils ELT Northern Hub 20 pupils from Y3 Singing Event at Yarm School Auditorium
Thurs 16th July	2pm Sports Day for Pupils in Y4 - Y6 Y4 visit Sunderland Winter Garden Museum 6.00pm Y6 Leavers' Performance (Tickets only - available via MCAS under the 'Products' tab)
Fri 17th July	Y5 VE day
Mon 20th —Wed 22nd July	Y6 Northfield Pupils Attend Summer School
Tues 21st July	2.15pm Sports Day for Pupils in Y1-Y3
Wed 22nd July	AM - Reception Pupils' Olympic Celebratory Event 3.30pm Friends of Oakdene Summer Fayre
Fri 24th July	Little Sycamores and Nursery Teddy Bears' Picnic
Mon 27th July	Fun Day - LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM
Tues 28th July	PD Day

Dates For Your Diary - September 2026 to July 2027

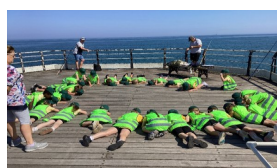
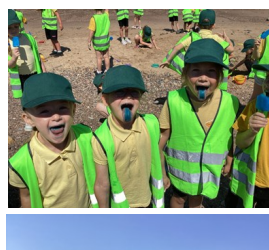
PD Days

1 September 2026
2 October 2026
30 November 2026
29 January 2027
28 July 2027



Y1 Pupils Beach Schools Visit to Saltburn-by-the-Sea

As a Beach School we recognise there is scope for outdoor play and learning on the shore. Coastlines offer a unique environment for children's **discovery** and **learning**. The children explored **rock pools**, took **digital photographs** from the pier and created **sand sculptures**. We hired two beach huts, Elizabeth and George, to provide shelter from the wind at times and shade from the sun. Many tourists approached staff to **congratulate** the children's **beautiful manners** and **exceptional behaviour**.



Y5 VISIT EDEN CAMP

The immersive displays at Eden Camp brought **history to life**, allowing the Y5s an opportunity to experience the sights, sounds and smells of life on the **Home Front** and the **Front Line**.

Housed in a unique setting, in the buildings and grounds of an original WWII Prisoner of War Camp, the visit provided a broad insight into all aspects of the **social** and **military history** of WWII, as well as WWI and post WWII conflicts.



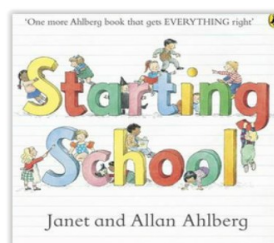
Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from

Miss Dixon

'Starting School'

by **Janet & Allan Ahlberg**



Starting School by Janet and Allan Ahlberg is an **enchanting** picture book for **reassuring** children who are about to **start school** for the very first time.

The **colourful** pictures and **large, simple text** make *Starting School* a great **book to share**.

Congratulations to Y6 pupil **Landon Quinn** on an **outstanding** football season. He played a key role in helping the **Stockton District Schools Under-11 team** become **league champions** for the first time ever at this age group. He also enjoyed tournament success with **Boro Rangers Reds** at the Flamingo Land Football Tournament, where the team were **crowned champions** after remaining unbeaten in all seven matches. Landon **scored an impressive five goals** across the weekend and should be incredibly proud of his achievements, which reflect his **talent, teamwork** and **determination**.



Congratulations to Lily, Rosie and Poppy Daniel on their fantastic achievements at the recent CRAGGS Dance School competition. **Lily** achieved **1st place** in Modern, **2nd place** in Ballet and Lyrical, and **3rd place** in Song. She was also delighted to receive the judge's award for the **Most Promising Novice Over 10**. **Rosie** secured **3rd place** in Lyrical and **2nd place** in her *Little Mermaid* Trio. Alongside Lily, she also helped her **Teen Beach Troupe** achieve **1st place**. **Poppy** gained **2nd place** in both her Character and Lyrical routines, **2nd place** with her *Alice* Troupe, and **3rd place** in Modern and her *Busy Bee* Duet. She was also awarded the judge's trophy for **Most Promising Novice Under 10**. What an incredible set of results! We are extremely proud of the girls' hard work, commitment and success. Well done to all three dancers!



Week Ending 10th July 2026

Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Nursery Mrs Guest	Rosie Ferguson	Harper Bunn	Vinnie Manze	Hugo Stephens
YRC Miss Dixon	Junior Morgan	Lewis Daniels-Owen	Mabel Dodds-Day	Sophia Peers
YRK Miss Dignen	Ruben Earle	Harper-Rose Hill	Ollie Foster	Ebony-Rae Lane
YIB Mrs Brown	Rose Westmoreland	Nellie Puckering	Elijah Wilson-Hill	Junior Ferguson
Y2D Mrs Durham	Scarlett Van Wyk	Amelia Wright	Liam Turner	Jason Adekunle
Mrs Thompson	Thomasin Scotland	Jaxon Moutrey	Willow Earle	Tommy Owens
Y3H Mr Horkan	Jospeh Luker	Charlie Beken	Lily Grantham	Lincoln Wardle
Y4R Miss Robinson	Max Prout	Olivia Wallace	Ivy-May Fiddes	Malachi Worth
Y5SW Mrs Smith	Aalia Dobson	Beth Denmark	Lily Scott-Mullin	Albert Balanescu
Mrs Wilson	Harley Wallace	Theo Smith-Sewell	Cason Tierney	Erle-Jayne Harrison
Y6C Mrs Cowan	Max Devlin	Piper Noon	Leah Cooley	Charlie Kibbler
Y6M Mr McConnell	Ben Bainbridge	Annie Murray	Landon Quinn	Ameez Ali



YR & KS1
Michael Smith

Y3 & Y4
Elena Hold

Y5 & Y6
Charlie Kibbler